

2026 Vermont AHEC Paid Summer Project

Position Description: Instructor for the Governor's Institute on Health & Medicine

With Northern Vermont Area Health Education Center

Led by Nicole LaPointe, EdD, MSW, Executive Director

Eligible Applicants

Northern Vermont AHEC is seeking graduate students in health-related programs of study with an interest in teaching and mentorship to be part of an interprofessional instructor team working with high school students during the Governor's Health & Medicine Institute being held on the University of Vermont campus from Sunday, July 12 through Saturday July 18.

Commitment

This project includes an AHEC Scholars training Leading Learning Teams (40 hours of virtual, in-person, and independent learning) and 60 hours of field work as an instructor at the Governor's Health & Medicine Institute. The total commitment is 100 hours. See important project dates below.

Compensation

Instructors will be paid \$2,000 at the start of the project.

Expectations for Field Experience

Instructors at the Health & Medicine Institute work as part of an interprofessional team to teach, demonstrate, role model, and advise high-school-aged youth on key concepts in health science, clinical care, professionalism, and career pathway planning. Instructors commit to participating in person at the Health & Medicine Institute for the full week. Lunch is provided to staff daily.

Instructors are responsible for designing, leading, and assisting with set-up and break-down of educational activities between the hours of 7:30 am – 5:30 pm while the Institute is in session.

Additional time outside of instruction hours may be required for planning activities during the week.

Instructors will create their own active and hands-on learning modules for students inspired by the topics in health and medicine that ignite their passion. Northern Vermont AHEC staff will work with Instructors to develop their ideas into interactive workshops and provide lesson plans to use as-is or adapt. Instructors may be invited to participate in evening activities with Health & Medicine participants and may elect to do so at their own discretion.

Important Project Dates

- Project Orientation: Wednesday, June 4 5:30-7:00 PM (University of Vermont)
- Instructor Workshop: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 9:00-3:00 (University of Vermont)
- Virtual orientation for Health & Medicine participants: Monday, July 6 from 11 AM to 3 PM (Zoom)
- Institute Dates:
 - Required On-site staff training date: Sat, July 11 (University of Vermont)
 - Institute Dates: Sun, July 12 to Sat, July 18, 2024 (University of Vermont)
- Additional pre-program, planning sessions scheduled by mutual agreement. These check-in meetings prior to the project start date will support on-boarding and inform instructional assignments.

Quote from a medical student about instructing at the Health & Medicine Institute:

[This] is a great opportunity for folks that enjoy teaching and sharing their love of healthcare/scientific disciplines with others. I'm thankful for the wonderful teammates and coordinators I worked with. The students were incredibly brave and ambitious. I was proud to see students step out of their comfort zone and try new things, like the heart and brain dissections sessions I led. We had the opportunity to provide sessions around topics we felt strongly about. Truly a great experience. It was nice that GIV was very front-loaded in the summer and left a lot of free time in the second half of the summer.

For More Information and to Apply

Send your CV or resume and a cover letter to:

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